IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form containing comprising:[[,]] as an active ingredient, a substituted imidazole derivative of general formula (I):

wherein Y is CH_2 or CO, R_1 is halo or hydroxy, R_2 is H or halo, and R_3 is H or lower alkyl (e.g. C_1 to C_4 alkyl, preferably C_1 or C_2 alkyl), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of the general formula (I) as an active ingredient, so as to promote pre-gastric absorption of the active ingredient,

and one or more matrix forming agents comprising one or more of gelatin and a cyclic sugar,

wherein Y is -CH₂- or -CO-, R_1 is halo or hydroxy, R_2 is H or halo, and R_3 is H or lower alkyl (e.g. C_1 to C_4 alkyl, preferably C_1 or C_2 alkyl), and

wherein the fast-dispersing, solid dosage form is formulated to promote pregastric absorption of the active ingredient and to disintegrate within 10 seconds of being placed in the oral cavity.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 2, which comprises a network of the active ingredient and a water-soluble or water-dispersible carrier which is inert towards the active ingredient, the network having been obtained by subliming solvent from a composition in the solid state, said composition comprising the active ingredient and a solution of the carrier in a solvent.

4.-5. (Cancelled)

- 6. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim [[5]]1, wherein the matrix forming agents comprise gelatin and at least one cyclic sugar.
- 7. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the gelatin is fish gelatin.
- 8. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cyclic sugar is mannitol.
- 9. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 6, wherein the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim [[4]]1, wherein the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.

- 11. (Original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 10, wherein the amino acid is glycine.
- 12. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein Y is -CH₂-.
- 13. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo or hydroxy.
- 14. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo.
- $15. \qquad \hbox{(Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in} \\$ claim 1, wherein R_1 is 5-halo.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_1 is fluoro.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_2 is hydrogen.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_3 is ethyl.

19. (Cancelled)